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SUBJECT: SOVIET REACTION TO MIG INCIDENT

REF: (A) STATE 246841; (B) MOSCOW 15353

1. EMBASSY MAY PASS FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO ORITA'S SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

A. SOVIETS NOTIFIED US EMBASSY OCTOBER 22 THAT PLANE HAD LANDED AT LENINAKAN OCTOBER 21 AND ALL PASSENGERS WELL.

B. DESPITE REPEATED US REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSULAR ACCESS, SOVIETS DID NOT GRANT ACCESS TO DETAINEES UNTIL OCTOBER 26, I.E., FIVE DAYS AFTER THEY LANDED. CONSULAR
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CONVENTION SPECIFIES THAT ACCESS SHALL BE GRANTED WITHIN

AT MOST FOUR DAYS.

C. EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICERS VISITED DETAINEES AT THE VILLA WHERE THEY WERE STAYING IN LENINAKAN ON OCTOBER 26. SOVIETS REFUSED CONSULS' REQUEST TO SPEAK WITH DETAINEES IN PRIVATE. CONSULS REQUESTED A SECOND MEETING WITH DETAINEES ON OCTOBER 27 BUT SOVIETS REFUSED AND CONSULS RETURNED TO MOSCOW. SECOND MEETING WAS NOT ARRANGED UNTIL NOVEMBER 2 AND SOVIETS AGAIN DENIED PERMISSION FOR CONSULS TO SPEAK

PRIVATELY WITH DETAINEES.

D. DETAINEES ASKED TO TELEPHONE EMBASSY AT MID-DAY ON OCTOBER 28 BUT WERE TOLD EMBASSY COULD NOT BE REACHED AT THAT TIME.

2. PRECEDING IS TO BE USED FOR GOJ BACKGROUND USE ONLY AS STATED IN REFTTEL A. ROBINSON

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